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Re the Application of: **Kenichi HARUKI et al.**

Group Art Unit: 2623

Serial No.: 09/639,098

Examiner: **Ryan J. Hesseltine**

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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED March 26, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Date: **October 6, 2003**

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated September 4, 2003.

In the Action, restriction is required among Group (I), Claims 1-19 and 24-30; Group (II), Claims 20-23 and 31-33; Group (III) Claims 1-16 and 28-30; and Group (IV) Claims 17-19 and 24-27.

Applicant hereby elects the subject matter of **Group (III), Claims 1-16 and 28-30** for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

By: **Kenichi HARUKI et al.**

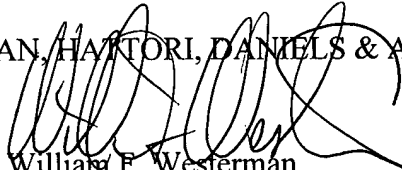
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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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